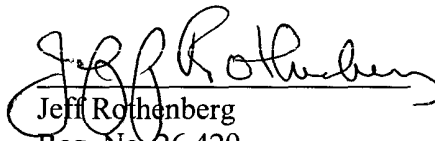


REMARKS

By this Amendment, the original claims are being amended to avoid multiple dependencies and to otherwise conform with U.S. practice, and new claims 14-16 are being added. Claims 1-16 remain in this case.

Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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